



# SYNOPSIS

## Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions 2013 Maryland General Assembly Session

**January 15, 2013  
Schedule 5**

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**PLEASE NOTE:** January 22 – Bill request deadline.  
February 1 – Bill introduction deadline.  
All bills should be given to the Secretary of the Senate's office by 5:00 P.M. on Monday, February 4.  
As required by Senate Rule 32(b), bills introduced after this date will be referred to the Senate Rules Committee.

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### **SENATE BILLS INTRODUCED January 15, 2013**

**SB 118**     **Senator Simonaire**

**STATE GOVERNMENT – COMMEMORATIVE DAY – YOUNG  
HEROES DAY**

Requiring the Governor annually to proclaim the first Monday of October to be Young Heroes Day, in recognition of positive contributions that minors have made to society.

**EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013**

**SG, § 13-411 - added**

**Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs**

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**SB 119     Senator Reilly****PROPERTY TAX – EXEMPTION FOR BLIND INDIVIDUALS AND SURVIVING SPOUSES**

Increasing the amount of a property tax exemption for dwelling houses owned by specified blind individuals or surviving spouses of blind individuals from \$15,000 of the assessed value of the dwelling to \$30,000; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2013

TP, § 7-207 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 120     Senator Kasemeyer****INTEREST RATE ON TAX DEFICIENCIES AND REFUNDS**

Altering the calculation of the interest rate on tax deficiencies and refunds to 2 percentage points above a specified underpayment rate established under the Internal Revenue Code; providing that the interest rate may not be less than specified rates for 2014 through 2017; repealing a requirement that the Comptroller annually set the interest rate; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2014

TG, § 13-604 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation